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**UNDER 37 CFR §1.56**

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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR §1.491.

**RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

Documents A4, A5, A9, and A10 listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited in the International Search Report in Applicants' International Application PCT/EP2005/050288. A copy of the International Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner.

The relevance of the non-English language documents A6, A7, and A8 is described in the present specification. Unless otherwise indicated, no English translation is readily available (not considering machine-generated translations that may be freely available online, to both the Applicant and the PTO) for each of the non-English language documents. However, a commercially available English language abstract is provided herewith, where indicated on the attached Form PTO/SB/08. Inasmuch as Applicants have endeavored to provide at least one item that complies with the requirement for a "concise explanation of relevance" for each of the non-English language documents, each of these documents has been submitted in compliance with the PTO requirements and should be considered by the Examiner (37 CFR §1.97, §1.98 and MPEP §609).

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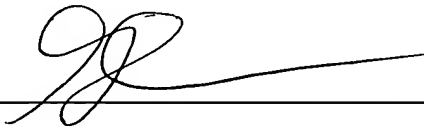
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